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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 14, 2003 (Final Office Action), Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 27, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Mammalian variants of the cDNA encoding cancer marker protein were identified using BLAST2 with default parameters and the ZOOSEQ databases (Incyte Genomics). These preferred

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